Reading Comprehension – Test 4

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Read each text carefully and choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) for each question.

Part 1: A notice

Read the notice from a swimming pool. Then answer questions 1-7.

CITY SWIMMING POOL – SUMMER CHANGES

From 1 June to 31 August, the City Swimming Pool will have new opening times.

Monday to Friday: 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The small pool for children under 6 will be closed on Mondays for cleaning.

Swimming lessons

We have lessons for children (6–12) every Tuesday and Thursday at 4 p.m., and lessons for adults on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Each lesson lasts 45 minutes. Please sign up at the front desk. You cannot sign up by phone.

Prices

Adults: £4.50

Children (under 16): £2.50

Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children): £12

Please remember:

- Everyone must have a shower before swimming.
- Children under 8 must swim with an adult.
- Do not run near the pool. The floor can be wet and slippery.
- Lockers need a £1 coin. You get your coin back at the end.

Questions? Ask our friendly staff at reception.

1. Why did the swimming pool write this notice?
   A To say that the pool will close for the summer
   B To tell people about summer opening times, lessons, prices and rules
   C To find new staff for the summer
   D To invite people to a swimming competition

2. It is Saturday. Aliya wants to go swimming at 7 p.m. What is the problem?
   A The pool is closed for cleaning.
   B There are only lessons in the evening.
   C The pool closes at 6 p.m. at weekends.
   D Adults can't swim on Saturdays.

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3. Marco is 35 and wants to take a swimming lesson. When can he go?
   A Wednesday at 7 p.m.
   B Tuesday at 4 p.m.
   C Thursday at 4 p.m.
   D Saturday at 8 a.m.

4. Mr and Mrs Chen go swimming with their two children, aged 10 and 14. What is the cheapest way to pay?
   A Two adult tickets and two child tickets
   B Four child tickets
   C Four adult tickets
   D One family ticket

5. Ruby is 5 years old. Which sentence is true?
   A She can use the small pool on Mondays.
   B She must swim with an adult.
   C She can join the children's lessons.
   D She doesn't need a shower before swimming.

6. "The floor can be wet and slippery." Here, "slippery" means:
   A very cold **B** very deep **C** easy to fall on **D** very dirty

7. What happens to the £1 coin you put in a locker?
   A You get it back at the end.
   B It pays for your shower.
   C It is a present for the staff.
   D You pay it again at reception.

Part 2: An article

Read the article about a special fridge. Then answer questions 8-14.

A Fridge for Everyone

In the small town of Westbrook, there is a big white fridge outside the community centre. It is not a normal fridge. Anyone can put food in it, and anyone can take food out. It is free!

The idea came from Grace Okafor, a 28-year-old nurse. "I saw that shops and families often throw away good food," she says. "At the same time, some people in our town don't have enough to eat. I wanted to help with both problems."

The fridge opened two years ago. Now about forty people use it every day. Local bakeries bring bread in the evening, and families bring fruit and vegetables from their gardens. There are some rules: you cannot leave meat or fish, and all food must have a date on it.

A group of volunteers checks the fridge three times a day and cleans it every morning. "People are very kind," says Grace. "Sometimes they leave little notes with the food, like 'Enjoy your lunch!' It makes me smile."

8. What is the best title for the article?
   A How to Cook with Old Food
   B A Nurse's Busy Day
   C A Free Fridge That Helps a Town
   D New Rules for Shops in Westbrook

9. Why did Grace start the fridge?
   A Good food was thrown away, and some people didn't have enough to eat.
   B She wanted to sell food cheaply.
   C Her own fridge at home was too small.
   D The community centre asked her to do it.

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10. What is Grace's job?
    A a baker
    B a volunteer cleaner
    C a shop assistant
    D a nurse

11. Which of these can people NOT leave in the fridge?
    A bread
    B fish
    C vegetables from a garden
    D fruit

12. What do the volunteers do every morning?
    A They bring bread.
    B They write notes.
    C They open the community centre.
    D They clean the fridge.

13. "Local bakeries bring bread in the evening." Here, "local" means:
    A from the same area or town
    B very old
    C very expensive
    D from another country

14. How does Grace feel about the people who use the fridge?
    A She is tired of them.
    B She is worried about them.
    C She thinks they are kind, and this makes her happy.
    D She wants them to pay for the food.

Part 3: A story

Read the story about a boy's first day at a new school. Then answer questions 15-20.

Felix's First Day

On Monday morning, Felix walked into his new school for the first time. His family moved to the city last week, and he didn't know anyone. The building was very big.

After the first lesson, Felix looked at his timetable. His next lesson was Art in Room 24, but he couldn't find it. He went up the stairs and down again. The corridors were empty now. Everyone was in class, and Felix was late.

Then a girl with a pile of books came round the corner. "Are you lost?" she asked. "I'm Sofia. I'm in Art too. I was at the library, so I'm late as well!"

They found Room 24 together. It was behind the music room, at the end of a small corridor. The teacher, Mr Adeyemi, just smiled. "Room 24 is our school's best secret," he said.

At lunch, Sofia waved at Felix. "Come and sit with us!" she called. Felix smiled. Maybe this school wasn't so bad after all.

15. Which sentence best describes the story?
    A A boy and his family move to a new house.
    B A new student gets lost and makes a friend.
    C A girl helps a teacher carry books.
    D A boy is late because he misses the bus.

16. Why didn't Felix know anyone at the school?
    A He was always shy.
    B He was late for school.
    C He didn't like the other students.
    D His family moved to the city last week.

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17. Why was Sofia late for Art?

A She was at the library.
B She missed the first lesson.
C She was in the music room.
D She was helping Mr Adeyemi.

18. Where was Room 24?

A next to the library
B upstairs, near the stairs
C behind the music room
D at the front of the school

19. Mr Adeyemi says, "Room 24 is our school's best secret." What does he mean?

A Nobody is allowed to go into Room 24.
B Room 24 is difficult to find.
C Room 24 is the newest room in the school.
D Mr Adeyemi doesn't like Room 24.

20. What does the end of the story show?

A Felix wants to go back to his old school.
B Felix is angry with Sofia.
C Felix is still lost.
D Felix feels better about his new school.

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Answer key – Reading Comprehension – Test 4

1 B	2 C	3 A	4 D	5 B	6 C	7 A	8 C	9 A	10 D
11 B	12 D	13 A	14 C	15 B	16 D	17 A	18 C	19 B	20 D

Explanations

1. **B** – The notice gives the new summer times, lessons, prices and rules.
2. **C** – On Saturday and Sunday the pool is open only until 6 p.m.
3. **A** – Lessons for adults are on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.
4. **D** – A family ticket costs £12, which is cheaper than two adult and two child tickets (£14).
5. **B** – Children under 8 must swim with an adult.
6. **C** – A slippery floor is smooth and wet, so it is easy to fall on it.
7. **A** – The notice says: 'You get your coin back at the end.'
8. **C** – The article describes a free fridge that helps people in Westbrook.
9. **A** – Grace wanted to help with two problems: wasted food and people without enough food.
10. **D** – The article says Grace is a 28-year-old nurse.
11. **B** – The rules say you cannot leave meat or fish.
12. **D** – The volunteers clean the fridge every morning.
13. **A** – 'Local' means in or from the place where you are, here Westbrook.
14. **C** – Grace says people are very kind and their notes make her smile.
15. **B** – Felix gets lost on his first day, and Sofia helps him and becomes his friend.
16. **D** – Felix was new because his family moved to the city last week.
17. **A** – Sofia says: 'I was at the library, so I'm late as well!'
18. **C** – The story says Room 24 was behind the music room, at the end of a small corridor.
19. **B** – He is joking that the room is hidden and hard to find, like a secret.
20. **D** – Felix smiles and thinks the school 'wasn't so bad after all'.

Notes for teachers: Use this test for practice or assessment after units on everyday information, community life or school. The questions target common A2 problems: missing key details in timetables and prices, misreading NOT questions, and taking expressions too literally (for example 'best secret'). As a follow-up, ask students to write their own short notice for a local place or to retell the story from Sofia's point of view.

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